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(b) His duties are—

(i) Supervision, control, and direction of the Industrial schools aided by the Department (67 in number);

(ii) General inspection and supervision of the five Government Industrial and Technological institutions; and

(iii) assistance to the Director in the administration of the five scholarship schemes sanctioned in the Department.

Alleged grievances of the cottage industrial workmen.

* 318 Q.—Pandit GANALA RAMAMURTI: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(a) whether it was brought to the notice of the Government that the cottage industrial workmen along with the English educated young men are suffering on account of the unemployment problem;

(b) whether the Government propose to introduce any new scheme by which they could protect the children of those practising ancient and indigenous arts and crafts from the unemployment problem in future; and

(c) if so, what the nature of the scheme is?

A.—(a) The Economic Depression Enquiry Committee have reported that cottage industries are severely affected and that the weaving community has particularly suffered by the trade slump and political agitation.

(b) No new schemes are feasible, but action is being taken on the recommendations of the Economic Depression Enquiry Committee.

(c) Does not arise.

Libraries

Admission of Indians into the Nilgiri Library.

* 319 Q.—Mr. C. R. PARTHASARATHI AYYANGAR: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(a) why Indians are not allowed to enter the Nilgiri Library unless they are dressed in European style;

(b) what grant the Government have annually been giving to the library; and

(c) whether he will be pleased to take steps to see that all decently dressed Indians are allowed to enter the library for study?

A.—(a) & (c) The rules of the library do not lay down any such restriction. The relevant rule is extracted below:—

"No person shall be admitted to the library or reading rooms who, in the opinion of the committee, is not suitably dressed.

Nothing in this rule shall contravene any regulation now, or at any time in force, with regard to the dress of Indian gentlemen attending Government House functions."

(b) No annual grant is given to the library. A rent of only Rs. 50 a month is charged for the building occupied by the library against the standard rent of Rs. 142.